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OF ECOSOC AND TRAVEL TO U.S. BY MFA NARCOTICS
COORDINATOR

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1. CLAUDIO MORENO, CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICE DEALING WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL, ASKED USG TO SUPPORT
ITALIAN CANDIDACY FOR A SEAT ON ECOSOC NARCOTICS COMMISSION.

2. MISSION WARMLY WELCOMES ITALIAN DESIRE ACCEPT THIS
RESPONSIBILITY AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT USG SUPPORT
ITALIAN CANDIDACY AT UN. FACTORS WHICH ARGUE FOR
ITALIAN POSITION INCLUDE:

A. ITALY HAS NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION;

B. ITALY IS IN STRATEGIC POSITION IN REGARD TO ILLICIT
NARCOTICS TRAFFIC;

C. ITALY HAS TAKEN POSITIVE AND COLLABORATIVE STEPS IN THE
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INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO SUPPRESS THE ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRADE;

D. THE ITALIAN CANDIDACY IS APPARENTLY SUPPORTED BY THE OTHER EC COUNTRIES.

3. MORENO WILL BE LEAVING ON APRIL 17 OR 18 FOR NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL SERVE AS MEMBER OF ITALIAN ECOSOC DELEGATION. HE WILL THEN TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ABOUT APRIL 28 FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION.

4. MORENO DESIRES MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE DEA AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT TO DISCUSS CANDIDACY ISSUE AND GENERAL COMMON INTERESTS IN COMBATING ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRADE. HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE.

5. MORENO ASKED THAT MISSION PROVIDE HIM WITH STATUS REPORT ON ABOVE REQUEST IF POSSIBLE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE U.S. ON APRIL 17. MISSION RECOGNIZES THIS MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE, IN WHICH CASE WE SUGGEST RESPONSE BE PASSED TO MORENO IN NEW YORK VIA USUN; AND THAT DEPARTMENT COORDINATE WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.BEAUDRY

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